

July 31, 2006

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, Rueger, Curtis, and Cooper attending. Others attending were Attorney Funkhouser; Attorney Higgins; Sgt. Allyn; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Comm. Epison; Larry Williams; Cecil Waters; MaryAnn Watson; Nancy Sexton; Dan Oberle; Tom Hogan - Johnson Controls; A C Braun - Industrial Contractors, Inc.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Rueger moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilman Cooper moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported that Black Township Fire & Rescue had requested a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " tap as well as a 2" tap for their new building. He added he would like to request that the 2" tap be metered for any possible water loss. He added according to State Board of Accounts, there needs to be a motion to make that a non-billed account and waive any charges that may already be on it.

Councilman Cooper moved the account be a non-billed account and that any charges already on the account be waived. Seconded by Councilman Rueger.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray then stated he received a letter from IDEM a few months ago concerning some items they were unhappy with. He added they have since fixed quite a few of them, though the distribution issues will take about six months to fix. He then stated the water loss needs to be down to 12% by the end of the year, and they are also wanting the city to be certified on 3 and 4 log, which refers to contract time.

Supt. Gray then stated Tom Hogan is present with Johnson Controls, and they are offering to help with the remaining items that need attention.

Mayor Knowles added Johnson Controls was the only company to respond to the Request for Qualifications.

Supt. Gray stated JC (Johnson Controls) can help fix the Farmersville Tower and the booster stations, as well as help on the financing.

Councilwoman Askren asked the difference between JC and EMC ?

Mayor Knowles replies that EMC was a management company, they managed the water department, JC does cost savings programs which fund the projects. She added the Utility Board would still govern the utility, and JC would not require the sale of bonds or a raise in rates.

Councilman Cooper asked if there is a project that JC recommends, does the Water Utility have to do that project ?

Supt. Gray replied no, the Water Utility Board does not have to begin any project that they do not want to do.

Mr. Hogan stated if the Board would refer to the binder they presented at the last meeting, it states that JC specializes in infrastructure improvements without rate increases, and JC guarantees the project and the outcome. He added all projects would be self funded projects.

Councilman Curtis stated he read the entire binder and it seems JC is guaranteeing payback, if not, JC pays it ?

Mr. Hogan replied that is correct and added State Board of Accounts audits them, as well as the city.

Councilman Curtis added this is a process and there are things that need addressed, they need a timetable and a plan. He asked who comes up with the plan and the timetable ?

Mr. Hogan replied it is a collaborative effort including detailed engineering analysis. He stated the RFQ was a preliminary analysis. He stated there is opportunity at the water department and JC can guarantee a certain amount of dollars.

Councilman Curtis asked if JC can not guarantee something, does the city incur any costs?

Mr. Hogan replied agreed and added if the project can pay for itself and city chooses not to do it, there could be a fee.

Mayor Knowles agreed.

Supt. Gray stated since he took over as Superintendent, he has been looking for ways to fund a lot of this work, and he then contacted JC, whom he had encountered at one of his conferences.

Councilman Rueger moved the Board accept the proposal of Johnson Controls. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray concluded his report by stating KROFTA #1 is down and it will take some money to get it running. He added hopefully by Friday it will be back up and will then last until the new filters come in. He then stated the State has now given permission to proceed on the new filters.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they had already been given the Financial Report.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is a request for a water tap on the Bulkley project.

Mr. Braun stated he works for Industrial Contractors and they have received the water and sewer agreement to tap, but they are still working out the details with the owners. He added hopefully by the next meeting the tap fee will be paid.

Attorney Higgins stated they had picked up a packet at her office and the owners are out of town. She added they have spoken with Supt. Gary, who indicates supply and pressure are not an issues in this case, and the Board can approve pending completion of the paperwork.

Councilman Rueger moved the water tap for Bulkley be approved pending completion of the paperwork. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Rueger moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer